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## THE WEATHER.

Local Office, U. S. Weather Bureau,  
Tuesday, July 25, 1911.  
Temperature, 7 a. m.; 8 a. m.; 10 a. m.; and morning minimum:  
74, 78, 81, 81, 71.  
Barometer reading. Absolute humidity (grains per cubic foot); relative humidity and dew point at 8 a. m.:  
29.95, 6.160, 69, 63.  
Wind velocity, and direction at 6 a. m.; 8 a. m.; 10 a. m.; and noon;  
4 NE, 5 E, 7 E, 7 NE.  
Rainfall during 24 hours ending 8 a. m., .01 rainfall.  
Total wind movement during 24 hours ending at noon, 151 miles.  
WM. D. STOCKMAN,  
Section Director.

## NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Paragraphs That Give Condensed News of the Day.

A fine line of baseballs, bats and tennis goods at Wall, Nichols Company, Ltd.

The Pacific Restaurant will shortly be ready for business at King street near Nuuanu. Everything will be new, clean and first-class.

A man with a savings account is a man with an easy mind. Savings deposits in the Bank of Hawaii earn interest at four and one-half per cent, compounded semi-annually.

The S. S. Lurline arriving tomorrow morning will bring Henry May & Co. Ltd., fresh California Fruits and Vegetables in season and "Puritan" Creamery Butter. Telephone 1271.

The office of the Wireless is open every night until eleven for the receipt of ships' messages. Ring up 1574 and telephone your message.

The Waiatale, Kaimuki and Palolo Improvement Club will hold a special meeting tomorrow night at the residence of E. H. Boyen, Waiatale road and Ninth avenue.

Lewers & Cooke, Ltd., 177 South King street, have placed on exhibition in their wallpaper room the two large shipments of foreign and domestic wall paper just received.

Governor Frear stated yesterday that the Territory will probably take a number of the Kau homestead cases to the courts, for a determination of some of the general questions which apply to most of the applicants for patents, whose good faith in fulfilling the conditions of their agreements has been questioned. Quite a number of these applications are now being held up, and it is hoped to get some judicial light on them which will also be helpful in future cases which may arise.

## EVER SHOCKED BY FISH?

A recent addition to the Division of Fishes in the new National Museum in Washington has proved one of the most interesting specimens in the entire collection. It is the electric ray, known in the language of the scientist as the *narcine brasiliensis*, harmless as to name, but capable of repelling its enemies in a manner peculiarly its own, which gives it its common title of the "torpedo" fish.

The electric ray is of skate variety, with a broad, flat, nearly oval head and body, and a caudal appendage

## TO CONSIDER THE WHARVES

At the meeting of the Board of Harbor Commissioners at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon there will probably be a large attendance of business men and shippers present, in response to an invitation of the board. The members of the commission will meet at 2 o'clock and transact routine matters of business for the half hour before the general meeting convenes. The meeting will be held in the Senate chamber at the capitol.

The object of this meeting is to enable the board to get in touch with the sentiments of the local business men on the matter of harbor improvements and shipping regulations. It is the first of a series of meetings which will be held by the board in various island ports, it being the intention of the members soon to start on a tour of the islands to look into harbor matters.

The board held an informal meeting during lunch hour yesterday with representatives of the Oahu Railway and Land Company, with reference to securing uniformity of wharf regulations. At the present time there has not been a complete uniformity between privately owned wharves and public wharves, in the matter of wharf charges, storage, etc., and this has led to some difficulties. It is understood that the railroad company expresses a willingness to co-operate with the board in every way possible.

## BORN.

MESSCHAERT—In Honolulu, July 23, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Messchaert, a son.

## FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT

OF H. P. BALDWIN'S DEATH  
Cards, black bordered, reading as follows, have been received by local business firms:  
"The directors of Alexander & Baldwin, Limited, announce with deepest regret the death of their esteemed and respected president, Henry P. Baldwin, which sad event took place at his home at Maluhia, Island of Maui, Territory of Hawaii, July the eighth, nineteen hundred and eleven."

something like that possessed by the majority of well-known fishes. Its mouth is on the under side and it can feel the way to it when feeding. But the real curiosity about the *narcine brasiliensis* is the fact that it carries its own storage battery with it on all its wanderings, and that it has the power of recharging the thousands of little cells when they become exhausted, using its power over and over again.

There are really two batteries. They are located where one would naturally expect to find the breathing apparatus of the fish, to the right and the left of the beady black eyes and back. They are kidney-shaped, occupying perhaps one-third of the upper part of the body.

When at peace with itself, and the rest of the world, the torpedo fish swims around at leisure, or rests in shallow water burrowing in the sand at ease, but if attacked, the battery is discharged and the enemy is glad to call at a drawn battle, if it can swim away. It gets its prey by using its batteries to supply the necessary current to kill, but it must first complete a connection with the object of its attack.

Men have speared these torpedoes in shallow waters and have caught them in nets, but on handling them have been very glad to call it off and avoid further shock. Fishermen have been repeatedly knocked down by a contact with them.

The species is common along the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast, the electric ray in the museum coming from the west coast of Florida. In Bulletin twenty-eight of the American Museum of Natural History, J. Russell Coles says: "They can give a powerful shock, and I have been knocked down many times when experimenting with this fish, yet could make no record of this peculiar form of electricity, as it had no effect on my battery-testing needle, and it would not light a little electric lamp that required but two and a half volts."  
"Several barefooted fishermen have been knocked down by stepping on the electric ray in the water. They remain soft and rubberlike in a formalin solution that hardened other specimens."

"There is one adult ray and fourteen little ones in the division. The little rays in life are capable of numbing the human hand by contact."

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## TAFT SENTIMENT IS GROWING AND HIS NOMINATION SURE

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Senator Burton, of Ohio, in an interview today expressed the opinion that one of the chief issues which is making, in the estimation of political diagnosticians, for the almost certain re-election of President Taft is the growing belief that reciprocity will be a direct benefit to the masses.

As the time grows nearer when the agreement, will, it is believed, be put into effect the impression, even among the Democrats, is that Mr. Taft is more fully appreciated by the people and his administration regarded as one which has justified itself.

Some of the President's friends recognize that some of his greatest achievements have been received by the people with indifference, but since the Standard Oil and Tobacco decisions and the uncompromising fight Mr. Taft has made for the passage of the reciprocity pact, the arbitration treaty and the promise of a reduction of the tariff in the next Congress the hostile sentiment, has been as violently friendly.

Continuing, Senator Burton said: "There is no doubt of the renomination of President Taft. He has been an able and courageous President, and I think it will be generally recognized that his administration has been characterized by great events. He has been progressive and masterful in taking the initiative."

"There has been decided progress toward a more just relation between the great corporations of the country and the people. Again, the treaty with England, which I trust will be ratified, and the far seal treaty are fine achievements."

"The reciprocity pact with Canada will justify itself. I say this with full realization of the possibility that agricultural prices may fall in the near future, and that this agreement may be regarded as the responsible cause. If, however, there should be such decrease, which would be injurious to the

## SUGAR CANE AND COTTON PROPOSED CALIFORNIA CROPS

BERKELEY, July 17.—Experiments to determine whether sugar cane can be successfully raised in this state, with a view to the organization of the industry on a commercial basis, have been started this year under the direction of Walter E. Packard and J. E. Coit of the agricultural experiment station at El Centro, in the Imperial Valley, according to a report received here today.

The sugar cane, or ribbon cane, has been tried out in a small scale, and, according to Packard, has proved satisfactory. The primary tests have been made with what is known as Florida cane, the method of planting being the system used in the South by planting the eyes or joints. The sugar content from cane grown in the

valley is reported as extremely high, and first grade home syrup has been taken from the stalks grown at El Centro.

According to the report received here today, cotton growing is expected to become one of the main industries of the valley. Over 15,000 acres were planted to the new crop last year, the climate being found to be especially adapted for the purpose. Experiments are being carried on with the assistance of government agriculturists, methods being adopted from Egypt, where the irrigation plant of cotton raising is also followed. A complete report is soon to be published by the government scientists on their findings regarding cotton growing in the Imperial Valley.

## GROSS CHEAT OR BREACH OF PROMISE

E. Benson, a well known man about town, went to the police station today and related a tale of woe. At first he didn't know whether he wanted to bring a breach of promise suit or have a warrant issued. He decided on the latter, however, and accordingly one Uswalla, a comely Japanese woman, is locked up on a charge of gross cheat.

Benson alleges that the Oriental

charmer pretended she loved him and promised to marry him, and on the strength of these loving tender assertions did obtain from him a ring and money to the value of six dollars.

Just how Uswalla proposed to Benson is a mystery, considering that she can hardly speak a word of English. Six warrants for assault and battery were issued this morning and there are several more in sight.

## PANTHEON BLOCK TENANCY IN AIR

John M. Dowsett, the managing director of the Pantheon block, stated today that absolutely nothing is yet determined regarding who will be the tenants of that handsome new business edifice.

There are a great many applications

on file, Mr. Dowsett says, some for the corner store, some for whole store and some for half store spaces. When the completion of the interior is further advanced, and not before, these applications will be considered and their respective fates determined.

In the meantime, in view of the varied demands, the erection of partitions will be deferred until other finishing is done, such as putting in windows and main doors.

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## PERSONS IN THE NEWS

F. B. McSTOCKER was among the arrivals here this morning by the Mauna Loa.

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B. HEILBRON, of the Internal Revenue Service, returned from Hawaii

this morning by the Mauna Loa.

H. P. WOOD of the Promotion Committee, accompanied by Mrs. Wood, left by the Mauna Kea this morning for a visit to the volcano. They will return on Saturday.

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